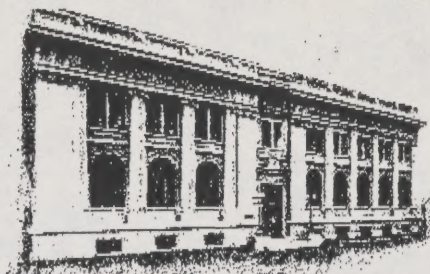


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July 15, 1994

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I don't know his address

I suggest c/o Harold Gray, but don't know his address.

Dear Mr. du Pont,

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The membership of the American Numismatic Society joins me in expressing our great ~~joy~~ in your recovery of two additional important coins taken in the ~~audacious~~ 1967 robbery. We continue to hope that ~~the perpetrators of that heinous crime will be brought to justice~~ *the balance of the stolen items will be recovered.*

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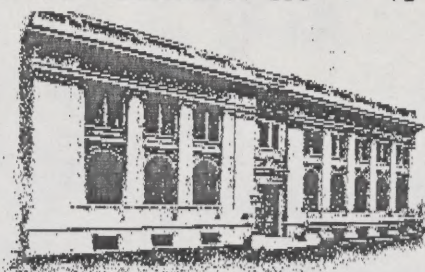
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We understand that your Type III 1804 Dollar is at present at the American Numismatic Association in Colorado Springs. The Smithsonian Institution already owns an example of the Type I 1804 Dollar and a Type II 1804 Dollar.

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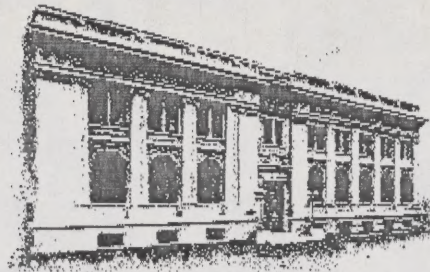
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COMMENTS: It obviously needs work. The main elements are to remind him that he was a member (to 1971, resignation no doubt the result of the robbery); that we are doing a great deal in the U.S. field; use your name (and send him a COAC book); emphasize exhibit of his coin. I do have a problem in that I focus on the 1804 but don't want to exclude the possibility of other gifts/loans. Any suggestions?

Also I note that our address dates from 1971; do you know whether it remains current?

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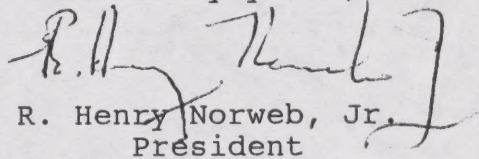
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